

Title: Need to sanction adequate central assistance to State Government of Orissa to implement the recommendations of Fifth Pay Commission.

SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK (BERHAMPUR) (ORISSA): The Union Government has started paying the revised pay, D.A. and other allowances to the Central Government employees as per the recommendations of the Fifth Pay Commission. Subsequently, the State Government of Orissa like other States also announced the revision of pay and D.A. of its employees. It has also been decided to make the payment with effect from 1st of April, 1996. But the State Government is finding it difficult to make the payment of the revised pay scale as it is facing serious financial crisis.

The Ninth and Tenth Finance Commissions have not made provision of adequate funds for the State. The Ninth Finance Commission sanctioned 5.2 per cent of the total Central fund to the State of Orissa whereas the Tenth Finance Commission brought it down to 4.2 per cent. This loss should be compensated by the Central Government. Otherwise, it will be very difficult on the part of the State Government to bear the additional burden of Central D.A., pay and other allowances announced for the State Government employees.

I urge upon the Finance Minister to release adequate additional Central assistance to the State Government of Orissa accordingly.